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SUBJECT: ILO-REQUEST FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON BUDGET POSITIONS

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1. IN HIS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL \$7.2 MILLION TO FINANCE THE CY 1975 PROGRAM (REFTEL), THE DIRECTOR GENERAL PROPOSED THAT THE RELATED EXPENSES BE MET IMMEDIATELY BY WITHDRAWAL FROM WORKING CAPITAL FUND UNDER SECTION 21.3 (A) OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE REPLENISHMENT OF WORKING CAPITAL FUND BY SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT LEVIED ON MEMBERS IN CY 1977. THIS PROCEDURE ALLOWS FOR A COMPUTATION TO BE MADE AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR IN WHICH EXPENDITURES ARE INCURRED, AND THE BILL FOR THE ACTUAL EXPENSES PRESENTED TO THE NEXT AVAILABLE CONFERENCE IN THE FORM OF A REQUEST BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT. THUS, EXPENDITURES IN 1975 WOULD BE AUDITED IN 1976, AND THE 1976 ILO CONFERENCE WOULD ACT ON THE ASSESSMENT. MONEY RAISED IN THIS MANNER GOES DIRECTLY INTO THE WORKING CAPITAL FUND FOR ITS REPLENISHMENT.

2. CANADIAN GOVERNMENT ON FEB 18 INTRODUCED A COUNTER PROPOSAL CALLING FOR THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO REQUEST A SUPPLEMENTAL

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ASSESSMENT WITHOUT REGARD TO SECTION 21.3 (A) OF FINANCIAL

REGULATIONS. CANADIANS ARE PROPOSING THAT THE JUNE 1975 ILO CONFERENCE BE ASKED TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE FULL \$7.5 MILLION (WHICH COULD BE EVEN MORE IF THE DOLLAR STANDS AT LESS THAN 2.55 AT THAT TIME). CANADIAN PROPOSAL WOULD MEAN THAT MEMBERS WOULD BE ASKED TO PAY IN CY 1976 INSTEAD OF CY 1977. CANADAIN MOTIVE IS THAT WORKING CAPITAL FUND IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO STAND THE STRAIN OF WAITING TO 1977 FOR REPLENISHMENT.

3. USDEL CONTINUES TO FAVOR WITHHOLDING SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN FUNDING, REGARDLESS OF MEANS USED TO REPAY IT. WE SEE CANADIAN PROPOSAL AS OFFERING NO ADVANTAGES TO U.S., RATHER AS PRESENTING CONSIDERABLE POSSIBILITY THAT US WOULD PILE UP ANOTHER ILO ARREARAGE, SINCE THE COMPLICATIONS ARISING FROM CHANGE IN US FISCAL YEAR MIGHT PREVENT US FROM REQUESTING THE ADDITIONAL SUM INVOLVED IN TIME FOR PAYMENT IN CY 1976. USDEL RECOMMENDS WE TELL CANNADIANS THAT WE CANNOT SUPPORT THEIR PROPOSAL.

4. INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTED. QUESTION PROBABLY WILL BE TAKEN UP AGAIN ON FRIDAY, FEBURARY 21.

5. DEBATE ON TUESDAY FEB 18 INDICATED CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR CUTTING LENGTH AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS AS MEANS OF REDUCING OVERRUN IN CY 1975. WORKER SPOKESMAN CYRIL PLANT TOOK LEAD, AND TOLD USDEL HE AND EMPLOYER SPOKESMAN CESCHLIN WOULD CONSULT TUESDAY EVENING TO COMPOSE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE LIST OF MEETINGS TO BE REDUCED IN LENGTH OR CANCELLED. USDEL TOLD PLANT US WOULD SUPPORT ANY REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF MEETINGS ACCEPTABLE TO WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS. DALE

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